

**Airconditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) - India Chapter** covering various establishments in dense and select areas of Delhi using carbon dioxide as the measurable variable, the indoor levels of carbon dioxide encountered were two to three times higher than the levels outside.

(d) The steps taken to check indoor and outdoor pollution include the following :

1. The Government is implementing two Central sector schemes, namely, National Programme on Improved Chulha and National Project on Biogas Development which caters to family-size biogas plants. The Government is also providing subsidy and other incentives for promotion of these devices in the rural areas with the objective to reduce/eliminate level of smoke in/from the indoor environment.
2. Ambient air quality standards have been prescribed for major pollutants for the different areas.
3. Emission standards have been notified for the major categories of polluting industries.
4. Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment within a stipulated time-frame and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.
5. Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.
6. Environmental clearance based on impact assessment and associated studies has been made compulsory for major specific projects.
7. Vehicular emission standards have been notified under the Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
8. Unleaded petrol with catalytic converter fitted vehicles has been introduced in four metropolitan cities to begin with.

#### **Reservation Counters for Ladies**

2208. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN :  
SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of stations between Ahmedabad and Bombay where separate Reservation Counters have not been provided for the ladies, and

(b) the time by which such a facility is likely to be provided for convenience of the ladies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Separate reservation counters for ladies can be earmarked at only those reservation offices which have been computerised and where adequate number of reservation counters and demand justifying earmarking

of one full counter exist. Between Ahmedabad and Mumbai there are 7 stations namely Mumbai Central, Churchgate, Andheri, Borivli, Surat, Ahmedabad and Vadodara where computerised reservation facility is available and the ladies in these centres can seek reservation from the supervisory counters. In addition, instructions have been issued to the Western Railway to open separate counters for ladies at Ahmedabad, Mumbai Central, Surat and Churchgate.

#### **Environment Friendly Chemicals**

2209. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have embarked upon preparation of a list of environment friendly chemicals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The Government have not embarked upon preparation of a list of environment friendly chemicals but have launched a scheme in 1991 for labelling products including certain chemicals which are environment friendly. The label is known as "Eco Mark". The objective was to encourage production and consumption of products which met stipulated environmental criteria along with quality requirements of the Bureau of India Standards.

Under the Eco Mark scheme, the Government have so far evolved and notified final criteria for the following categories of products:

1. Toilet Soaps
2. Detergents
3. Paper
4. Architectural Paints
5. Laundry Soaps
6. Food Items Part-I (edible oils, tea and coffee)
7. Food Items Part-II (beverages, infant food, processed food, and vegetable products)
8. Lubricating Oils
9. Packaging Part-I (paper boards and plastic excluding laminates)
10. Packaging Part-II (laminates and products thereof)
11. Automotive Lead Acid Batteries
12. Electric and Electronic Goods
13. Food Additives
14. Wood Substitutes
15. Dry Cell Batteries

16. Cosmetics
17. Aerosol propellants
18. Plastic Products

The Government is providing publicity to promote the scheme.

#### Research for Agricultural Production

2210. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the research being conducted by our agricultural universities so as to get a better yield from the crops in the country; and

(b) the additional quantity of the foodgrains likely to be produced in the country by the end of 1996 as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Agricultural Universities are pursuing location specific, need based and problem oriented research in the field of Agriculture for generation of varietal and crop management technologies for different agro-ecological situations. The main areas of research are :

1. Evolution of High yielding variety/hybrids in all agri-horticultural crops for irrigated and rainfed ecologies including breeder seed production.
2. Optimization of package of cultivation practices for maximization of yield.
3. Development of productive and economically sustainable Cropping Systems.
4. Appropriate plant protection measures with emphasis on integrated pest management.
5. Soils and Agronomy, Agro-forestry.

(b) According to the all India estimates of foodgrains production, the target for 1995-96 is 192.00 million tonnes.

#### Eco-Development Project

2211. SHRI S.D. N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project for Eco-Development of seven sites including the Nagarhole National Park has been posed to the World Bank for assistance under the Global Environment Facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating amount of assistance expected for the each site;

(c) whether the World Bank has not approved the above project and desired to talk to the local tribals launching agitation, before clearing the proposed project; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The objective of the Project is to conserve bio-diversity in seven major protected areas by increasing the collaboration between local people and Government managers and decreasing the negative interaction. The total project cost is estimated at US \$ 67 million, of which, US \$ 20 million would come from a Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant, and US \$ 28 million from an International Development Association (IDA) credit. Out of the balance of US \$ 19 million, the share of Government of India and the State Governments will be US \$ 15 million and that of the beneficiaries in the form of labour, will be US \$ 4 million. The expected amount for each of the seven sites to be spent over 5 years is as under:-

S. No.	Name of the site/State	Amount (In million US \$)
1.	Palamau - Bihar	7.93
2.	Gir - Gujarat	7.36
3.	Nagarhole - Karnataka	8.57
4.	Periyar - Kerala	8.74
5.	Pench - Madhya Pradesh	5.86
6.	Ranthambhore - Rajasthan	8.39
7.	Buxa - West Bengal	7.44

(c) No, Sir. The Project has been negotiated with the World bank. The World Bank has not expressed their intentions to have a dialogue directly with the tribals.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Accident near Varanasi

2212. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a passenger train rammed into a tractor-trolley carrying a wedding party on May 26, 1996 on a railway crossing near Varanasi;

(b) if so, the number of casualties involved therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch a comprehensive scheme for manning and mechanising all the level crossings in the country within a specified time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) In this accident, 21 occupants of tractor trolley were killed and 3 injured.

(c) and (d). it has been decided that no new unmanned level crossing will be added and the sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis.